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Second Annual
Women
Veterans Summit
2013

Presented by the Tennessee Department of Veterans Affairs and
the Women Veterans of America Chapter 20





WELCOME *from the* GOVERNOR

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the State of Tennessee, it is my pleasure to welcome all of you to the Second Annual Women Veterans Summit. This is an important time to recognize the service and reflect upon the sacrifices of veterans who have served our state and nation. I want to thank you for your service and honor the important role women veterans have played in history.

Tennessee is a leader in education, job creation and innovation. Finding ways to incorporate veterans into the current and future plans of our state continues to be a top priority. We are making progress, but there is still plenty of work to do and we appreciate your continued feedback and partnership to improve how we serve those who have served.

I hope this event will continue the trend of networking, collaboration and increased recognition for the women who have served our country honorably.

Tennessee is proud of your service and grateful for the military legacy you bring to our state. Your volunteer spirit has made Tennessee an even better place to live, work and raise a family.

Again, welcome to the Second Annual Women Veterans Summit. Crissy and I send our very best wishes to you all.

Warmest regards,

Bill Haslam



WELCOME *from the COMMISSIONER*

Women Veterans,

Welcome to the Second Annual Women Veterans Summit 2013. It is both an honor and a privilege to continue the new tradition to recognize and remember the “Unshakeable Foundation” and “Unstoppable Force” created by the service and sacrifice of Women Veterans.

As your TDVA Commissioner, I want to thank each of you for paving the way for future generations of Women Veterans as our numbers continue to grow. The United States Department of Veterans Affairs estimates there are more than 51,000 Women Veterans in the State of Tennessee.

Women Veterans continue to be an Unstoppable Force in communities throughout our state as they make a difference in businesses, schools, politics, community organizations and Veteran Service Organizations.

This networking, educational and information event is meant to be shared. Soak up the recognition, take notes on the education and information and remember to network with your fellow attendees to strengthen the support system for Women Veterans across the Volunteer State.

The Summit is also meant to be shared with other Women Veterans. Materials will be posted on the TDVA Women Veterans page. Do not forget to pass on your positive experience to ensure other Women Veterans will get the opportunity to participate in upcoming Summits.

Thank you for your military service and continued commitment to patriotism throughout our state. I hope each one of you will benefit greatly from the guest speakers, vendors and the network of other Women Veterans with us today. I look forward to your thoughts, comments and recommendations for an even better Women Veterans Summit in 2014.

Sincerely,

May-Bears Grinder
Colonel (Retired)

Second Annual Women Veterans Summit Agenda

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Day 1: Saturday April 13, 2013

7:00 am

Vendors Set up

7:30 am- 9:00 am

Registration/ Child Care/ Vendors/ Breakfast-Atrium

9:00 am- 9:30 am

Welcome: Commissioner Grinder

Posting of the Colors: NROTC Vanderbilt

National Anthem: Aaliyah Kew

Pledge of Allegiance: Representative Karen Camper

Invocation: Chaplain Dorothy Barry-VVA Chapter 240

Introduction: Commissioner Grinder

9:30 am-10:00 am

Senator Dolores Gresham

10:00 am-10:15 am Break

10:15 am-11:00 am

Women Veterans Tell Their Stories-Panel Discussion

Lola Fossett-Vietnam Era Veteran

Betsy Eatherly- U.S. Navy-Somalia and Panama

Rae Krenn-Australian Army and Air Force Veteran

Colonel Patricia Jones-TN Army National Guard

11:00 am 12:00 pm Lunch (Atrium)

12:00 pm-12:30 pm

Entertainment: Steve Cochran

Woman Veteran of the Year Award Presentation

12:30 pm 1:00 pm

Comedian Sheila Van Dyke-Mission of Laughter

1:00pm-1:30 pm Break

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Day 1: Saturday April 13, 2013 (continued)

1:30 pm 2:30 pm

Breakout Classes

Alternative Therapies-McGavock "A"

Dr. Savannah-Therapeutic Art, Keys 2 Success

Tina Haynes-Music Therapist, VA Tennessee Healthcare System

BG (ret.) Jan Young-Acupuncture

Teresa Sturges-Essential Oils, Vanderbilt University Medical Center

Financial Empowerment- McGavock "B"

Renee Bobb-Empowerment Coach

Employment Assistance-McGavock "CD"

Bill Marley-Job Connection Education Program

Rob Hancock-Hero 2 Hired

2:30 pm-2:40 pm Break

(Change classes)

2:40 pm 3:40 pm

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3:50 pm

Closing Remarks for the day (Atrium)

4:00 pm

Commissioner's Reception (Atrium)

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Day 2: Sunday April 14, 2013

7:30 am– 8:00 am

Breakfast - drop off Child Care

8:00 am – 8:15 am

Welcome Day 2-Commissioner Grinder

8:15 am- 9:00 am

Associate Director of VA Center for Women Veterans-Dr. Betty Moseley-Brown

9:00am-9:30 am

Morning Break/Vendors

9:30am-11:00 am

VA Panel of Experts (Question and Answer)

VA Regional Office Assistant Veterans Service Ctr. Manager-Shelley Peterson

VA Regional Office Military Services Coordinator-Brenda Blair

TDVA Veterans Benefits Representative-Carol Swindon

USDVA-Dr. Betty Moseley-Brown

OIF/OEF Tennessee Valley Healthcare System-Olivia Carter

TN Valley Healthcare Systems Women Program Manager-Dr. Kim Holden

11:00 am- 11:45 am

Door Prizes

Closing Remarks: Commissioner Many-Bears Grinder

Classes

Breakout Classes

(Choose 1 of 3 classes during 2 different sessions)

Alternative Therapies—McGavock “A”

Dr. Savannah-Therapeutic Art, Keys 2 Success

Tina Haynes— Certified Music Therapist, VA Tennessee Valley Healthcare System (TVHS)

Music Therapy is the clinical and evidence based use of music interventions to accomplish individualized goals within a therapeutic relationship by a credentialed professional who has completed an approved music therapy program. Music therapy has been shown to help with neurological disorders and brain injury, as well as mental health and substance abuse and addictive disorders. TVHS has started a DRUMBA class for women and is in the process of forming a songwriting class for women only. Tina Haynes has 32 years of professional experience and is also an adjunct professor of music therapy at Trevecca Nazarene University.

BG (ret.) Jan Young-Acupuncture - Auricular therapy

Dr. Jan Young's military service began with the United States Army Nursing Corps Reserves and later transferred to the Air National Guard. Retired Brigadier General Young now works as the Executive Director for the Assisi Foundation. Dr. Young also operates a private practice which includes auricular therapy also known as ear acupuncture. This form of alternative therapy uses the patient's ear to address ailments in the entire body. Dr. Young has been certified in auricular therapy since 2000.

Teresa Sturges-Essential Oils, Vanderbilt University Medical Center

Treatment of PTSD

Financial Empowerment—McGavock “B”

Renee Bobb-Empowerment Coach

Renee served in the United States Navy as a Telecommunications Operator and held a Top Secret Clearance during her enlistment. The author, radio and television show host and empowerment coach shares her secrets to financial and business success. Renee is an authority in the field of self-publishing and small business development. Her company R.B.I Enterprise, www.ReneeBobb.com, is a Training & Development Firm, designed to provide individuals with empowerment training seminars, workshops and one-on-one coaching sessions. Renee is committed to teaching Financial Empowerment and Career Development Workshops to Veterans and homeless families.

Employment Assistance—McGavock “CD”

Bill Marley-Job Connection Education Program

After 42 years of military service with the Tennessee Army National Guard, Bill Marley retired as the State Command Sergeant Major. SGM Marley also worked 31 years in School Administration before putting his educator experience and commitment to Veterans to use with the Job Connection Education Program.

Rob Hancock-Hero 2 Hired

Captain Rob Hancock is currently serving with the Tennessee Army National Guard and has deployed to both Iraq and Afghanistan. He is also serving as an Executive Council Member for the National Guard Association of Tennessee (NGAT)

Sergeant Major Bill Marley with the Job Connection Education Program and Captain Rob Hancock with Hero 2 Hired will provide an interactive discussion of their respective programs. This breakout session will focus on helping Women Veterans to build their skills and knowledge of the job hunting and getting an edge in the hiring process. These instructors will discuss resumes, interview tips and skills, relevant workforce training, online job search guidance and education assistance for those Veterans who would prefer to get their degrees or trade certifications. Marley and Hancock will also discuss career exploration tools, military-to-civilian skills translations, education and training resources as well as mobile applications.



Speakers

State Senator Dolores Gresham

R-Somerville
Marine Veteran

After retiring from the United States Marine Corps as a Lieutenant Colonel, Senator Dolores Gresham continued her efforts to serve her country by running for public office. In 2002, Gresham was elected to the House of Representatives where she served for six years. Dolores represented District 94 which consisted of Fayette County, part of Hardeman County and South Tipton County. She was assigned to the House Agriculture Committee and to the House Education Committee both of which were her first choices. She was selected to serve as Vice Chair of the Higher Education Subcommittee. Dolores was elected Secretary of the House Republican Caucus Leadership team in 2005.

In 2008, she was elected Senator for District 26 and re-elected in 2012 and now represents Chester, Decatur, Fayette, Henderson, Hardeman, Hardin, Haywood and McNairy Counties.

She has served as Chairman of the Senate Education Committee since her first year in the Senate. She also is a member of the Commerce and Labor Committee and the Energy, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee. In the past, she has also served on the Senate Finance, Ways and Means Committee as well as the Senate Transportation Committee.

Dolores possesses a track record of over 40 years in public and community service. Her experience includes work as a member of several boards to include Labor and Workforce Board, Southwest Community College Foundation Board, Fayette Haywood Enterprise Community Board, Foster Care Review Board, Board of Directors, Heart to Heart Partner and Co-Manager and Somerville Livestock Market.

Her education includes a Bachelors of Arts degree from Incarnate Word College in San Antonio, Texas. She received a Master of Arts degree from Loyola in New Orleans and a Master of Science in Administration from George Washington University, Washington D.C.

She has been endorsed by Tennessee Right to Life, National Rifle Association, National Federation of Independent Business, and Tennessee Realtors Association.

Dolores and her husband, Will, both retired from the United States Marine Corps with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. They live on their farm just east of Somerville. They are both active in their church, St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church near Somerville, TN.

In her first campaign for the Senate, Dolores was often quoted: "I bring to this campaign a passion for people, a track record of principled leadership, and a history of serving the public trust. I will continue to serve you honorably and effectively."

Speakers

Betty Moseley Brown, Ed.D.

Associate Director of VA Center for
Women Veterans, Washington, D.C.



Dr. Betty Moseley Brown assumed the position of Associate Director of the Center for Women Veterans on November 1, 2004. In this capacity, she advises and assists the Director of the Center for Women Veterans in planning, directing, managing, and coordinating programs and activities of the Center.

Dr. Moseley Brown's passion for Veterans began during her United States Marine Corps service from 1978 – 1992. Her Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) career began at the San Diego Regional Office, where she was a Veterans Benefits Counselor and served as the Women Veterans Coordinator. She briefly left VA to work for the Department of the Navy.

Dr. Moseley Brown returned to VA in 2001, working in the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Compensation and Pension Service and later working for the Associate Deputy Under Secretary for Policy and Program Management. She was VBA's first outreach coordinator, coordinating outreach activities of five major programs and efficiently providing Veterans and dependents with information on benefits and services administered by VA.

As Associate Director, Dr. Moseley Brown serves as the facilitator for VA's National Summit on Women Veterans' Issues--a major training and outreach quadrennial event for women Veterans, women Veterans advocates, and other federal agencies that provide services to women Veterans, promoting transparent, interagency communication on issues impacting women in the military and women Veterans. She has also been instrumental in promoting national awareness of the contributions made by women who served in the military through multiple department-wide efforts, such as VA's "Her Story" campaign and the "Faces Behind the War" DVD.

Dr. Moseley Brown has a Doctor of Education degree from the University of Sarasota. She is an avid Toastmaster, achieving the highest level in public speaking of Distinguished Toastmaster in January 2011. Dr. Moseley Brown is a 2004 Leadership VA (LVA) alumnus and 2009 graduate of the Federal Executive Institute.



Entertainment

Stephen Cochran

Country Music Artist
Marine Veteran

Although Stephen Cochran was born in Pikeville, Kentucky he was raised in the creative heart of Nashville's songwriting and recording community. Cochran watched his dad wrestle with the machinery of Music Row as a struggling songwriter and artist back in the '70s.

The young country music hopeful was on his way to pursuing a country music career when the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001 compelled him to enlist in the United States Marine Corps. Cochran served in Iraq and Afghanistan. While he was serving with the 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, Cochran was critically injured by an IED and told he would never walk again. After extensive rehabilitation and medical treatment at the VA Medical Center in Nashville, Cochran is able to walk, perform and give back to his fellow Veterans. He used his recovery time well, digging deep to reignite his passion for songwriting.



Entertainment

Sheila Van Dyke

Comedian

As a stand up comedian, Sheila Van Dyke has entertained troops stationed in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Kosovo, Qatar and Germany as well as many military installations and hospitals statewide. She has also worked in many comedy clubs and has been seen and heard on television and radio. Her mission is not for fame, but for laughter. "Mission of Laughter" is Sheila's one woman show that she performs for Veterans. Her ultimate goal is to travel to every VA hospital to share the healing power of laughter.

Women Veterans Panel

Women Veterans Share Their Stories

Discussion, Question and Answer Format

Lola Fossett comes from a family where the United States Navy is a proud heritage, but after graduating from high school she chose to enlist in the United States Air Force. While serving in the Air Force, Fossett trained as a Life Support Specialist, Aircrew Admin and Safety Officers in duty stations in California, Turkey and North Carolina. Fossett is a Vietnam Era Veteran.

Betsy Eatherly is the Commander for WAVES National Unit 94. Eatherly served in the United States Navy from 1974 to 2003 and retired after 29 years of military service. Betsy served as a WAVE in Florida, Virginia, Mississippi and retired as FORCE Ombudsman for Airlant in Memphis. She served in Somalia and Panama during her military service.

Rae Krenn

Colonel Patricia Jones

VA Panel

Dr. Betty Moseley Brown

Shelley Peters

Brenda Blair

Olivia Carter has served as the OEF/OIF/OND Nurse Case Manager for Tennessee Valley Healthcare System (TVHS) since the program's inception in 2008. She manages the OEF/OIF/OND veterans at Tennessee Valley's Alvin C. York location.

Dr. Kim Holden has served as the Women Veterans Program Manager for the Tennessee Valley Healthcare System (TVHS) since October 2010 and has served as the interim LEAD Women Veterans Program Manager at TVHS since June 2012. She oversees the women's program at TVHS

Carol Swindon

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Resources

Tennessee Department of Veterans Affairs: www.tn.gov/veteran
Women Veterans of America Chapter 20: www.wvachapter20.org
United States Department of Veterans Affairs: www.va.gov
National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI): www.namitn.org/veterans
East Tennessee Military Affairs Council (ETMAC): www.etmac.org/html/local_resources
Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network: tspn.org/veteran-resources
Operation Stand Down Nashville, Inc.: www.osdnashville.org
Tennessee County Veterans Service Organization: www.tnvso.com/index.html
The Center for Women Veterans: www.va.gov.womenvet
Directory for National Veterans Service Organizations: www.va.gov/vso
VA Education Benefits: www.gibill.va.gov

Resources (continued)

TNVH Women's Clinic: www.tennesseevalley.va.gov/visitors/charlottewoman.asp

eBenefits: www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits-portal/ebenefits.portal

MyHealtheVet: www.myhealth.va.gov/index.html

Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Tennessee: www.tnvwf.org

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